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A photograph of a child looking out of a car window in Cuba. The car is a bright teal color. The child is smiling and has their hand on the window. The background is blurred.

## Cuba's exile over

**Restoring relations.** President Obama says the U.S. will renew diplomatic ties with Cuba after 53 years. PAGES 10-11

A child looks out of a car in Santiago de Cuba. / GETTY IMAGES

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# Logan airplane cleaners protest working conditions

**ReadyJet.** Workers allege the company puts profit above safety, sanitary conditions.

A group of airplane cleaners protested what they described as poor working conditions at Logan Airport on Wednesday.

More than a dozen ReadyJet workers demonstrated the company's working conditions at Terminal C. ReadyJet cleans jets for such airlines as JetBlue, Delta and US Airways.

"The pay is unfair, the treatment is unfair, everything is unfair," said Jose Candelario, a 20-year-old cleaner from Chelsea, who has worked for the company for a year and a half.

Candelario said management has targeted workers who have tried to unionize, firing some and refusing to give sick time to others. ReadyJet workers are currently non-unionized.

Edwin Lopez, a 46-year-old from Lynn, feels like he was targeted by the company for raising concerns about health safety.

He said he told management that he did not have the proper gloves and the proper bodysuit to clean the lavatories of planes and handle human waste.

Lopez filed a complaint with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in October of 2013.

OSHA also found the company did not clean equipment it loaned to employees and employees did not receive ef-



ReadyJet employees and their supporters rallied outside Logan Airport Terminal C. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

#### Allegations

The Services Employees International Union listed their problems with ReadyJet:

- ReadyJet was ordered to pay employees \$13,045 restitution for illegal wage deductions,

plus a civil penalty of \$5,000 this past July by the state Attorney General's office.

- In June OSHA found that ReadyJet didn't provide protective equipment such as gloves

and safety goggles workers needed to protect themselves.

- The NLRB and OSHA are investigating whether ReadyJet illegally terminated workers for exercising their protected rights.

fective training for hazardous chemicals, according to the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), which is the largest property services union in the country.

"ReadyJet has one of the most egregious records at Logan," said Roxana Rivera, director of 32BJ SEIU District 615. "No company should be

allowed to cut corners on the backs of the men and women who perform essential services. The airlines shouldn't look the other way while contractors break the law. The time to act is now."

That union says ReadyJet has fired nearly one third of its workforce — around 70 people — since January of this year.

Lopez worked for the company for a year and a half before he was laid off on Sept. 17.

ReadyJet, through a human resources representative, declined to comment for this story.

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**Quoted**  
"We want to make the company a better place to work for its employees, and to also make it a safer place to work."

Jose Candelario, 20, from Chelsea, an airport cleaner



"I'm here today in solidarity with ReadyJet employees because we are tired of working so much and making so little. I work two jobs, one full time, one part, just to make ends meet. I'm worried, are we going to eat today?"

Khelia Cox, 37, South Boston, United Airlines baggage handler



"We're here to work with the workers; to help increase their wages, benefits and, most of all, respect."

Yusuf Farah, 56, Cambridge SEIU 32BJ District 615 organizer of Logan Airport campaign

## New Hampshire. Man indicted in kidnapping

The man accused of kidnapping a 14-year-old girl as she walked home from school in Conway, New Hampshire, last year, was indicted Wednesday on 200 criminal charges, handed down by grand juries in two counties.

Nathaniel Kirby, 34, allegedly imprisoned and sexually

assaulted the victim for nine months following her disappearance on Oct. 9, 2013. The girl mysteriously returned in July. Kirby was arrested a week later. Kirby has been held on \$1 million bail.

Prosecutors' requested the girl's name not be published.

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#### Arraignment

### Alleged Chelsea shooter held without bail

The man charged with shooting two men this weekend in Chelsea — killing one — was ordered held without bail at his arraignment Wednesday.

Prosecutors allege Hector Enamorado, 36, of Chelsea, shot and killed Javier Ortiz, 29,

and shot a 34-year-old in the chest early Sunday following an argument inside a Chester Avenue apartment.

The 34-year-old survived his wound. Authorities have not released his name.

Enamorado now faces single counts of murder and armed assault with intent to murder. He was arrested on a warrant last night during a motor vehicle stop on the Mass



Pike in Westborough. He is due back in court on Jan. 22. **DANNY MCDONALD**

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## Pyongyanged. Sony pulls Rogen film, Bostonians unmoved by threat

"The Interview" is over.

Sony Pictures is pulling the madcap comedy "The Interview" from theaters across the U.S. after receiving emailed threats thought to be from hackers who broke into the studio's computer system saying the James Franco-Kim Jong Un bromance insults Communist North Korea.

Hackers calling themselves Guardians of Peace threatened earlier this week that "the world will be full of fear," and warned people to "remember the 11th of September 2001" if "The Interview" is released. The U.S. government believe North Korea is behind the hacking.

The movie follows Franco and Seth Rogen as journalists who snag an interview with Kim, and are coerced by the CIA into assassinating the North Korean tyrant.

Sony said in a statement that it was pulling the film, set to open nationwide on Christmas Day, to protect the safety of moviegoers.

"It won't keep me from seeing the movie," said Ari Howorth, who studies at Emerson College, just steps away from Loews, as



Loews Theatre in downtown Boston. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

he emerged from AMC. "I definitely don't think that it's that big of a deal."

Chris Palermo, founder of Mass Movie Mavens, believes the threats will do little to hurt publicity for the film. The real threat, according to Palermo, is against filmmakers who may now be too intimidated to push the limits with their storylines.

"People should always look over their shoulder and be aware," said Palermo, a film producer who has appeared in 40 films. "But I don't think it's going to stop people from going to the movies. The real problem is for the producers ... the people who worked hard on the movie, but won't reap the benefits."

MORGAN ROUSSEAU



## Tony's Metro Magic enchants Roxbury kids

Baby Jeremy, left, and his big brother, Carlos, tear into some presents donated by Tony's Metro Magic. Both boys are residents of Roxbury, and clients of Heading Home, which distributed more than 70 presents to children in need through Metro's annual toy drive. Carlos was excited to rip into the gift wrap to discover a football and Woody action figure. Metro extends sincere gratitude to those who donated to this year's holiday toy drive. / MORGAN ROUSSEAU, METRO



The New England Compounding Center (NECC) in Framingham. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

# DOJ indicts 14 in outbreak of meningitis

**Fatal.** Feds allege company owners knew the products were tainted.

Key players in what is considered to be the largest medical contamination case in U.S. history were indicted Wednesday by the Department of Justice (DOJ).

The DOJ announced a sweeping 131-count criminal indictment against the owners, cleaners and employees of the Framingham-based New England Compounding Center (NECC) for a fungal meningitis outbreak that killed more than 60 and infected hundreds across the country.

The indictment alleges NECC management knew they were producing tainted products in 2012, including the steroid known as MPA used for back pain. According to the complaint, 751 patients in 20 states were diagnosed with a fungal infection after receiving injections of MPA. Of that number, 64 people in nine states died from the infection.

Barry J. Cadden, 48, NECC's owner and company phar-

## The others facing charges

In addition to Cadden and Chin, 12 other individuals were indicted, including six pharmacists, the director of operations, the national sales director, an unlicensed pharmacy technician, two other owners and another

individual. The alleged crimes include racketeering, mail fraud, conspiracy, contempt, structuring and violations of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Twelve of the 14 who were indicted live in Massachusetts, two live in Rhode Island.

## Quoted

**"Getting a shot for back pain, eating a peanut butter sandwich, these are everyday activities, not Russian roulette."**

Joyce Branda, acting assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's civil division

macist and Glenn A. Chin, 46, a supervisory pharmacist for the company, have been charged with 25 acts of second-degree murder for deaths in numerous states, including Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

That duo, according to the indictment, acted "with an extreme indifference to human life." According to federal authorities, the two knew

they were making MPA in an unsafe manner in conditions that were unsanitary. Both men face up to life in prison.

The company also failed to properly test the drugs for sterility, according to the indictment, and failed to correct their drug production even after its own environmental monitoring repeatedly detected mold and bacteria within its so-called "clean rooms" in 2012.

Prosecutors allege NECC tried to shield what was going on from federal regulators by claiming to be a pharmacy dispensing drugs for valid, patient-specific prescriptions, when in fact NECC routinely dispensed drugs in bulk without prescriptions.



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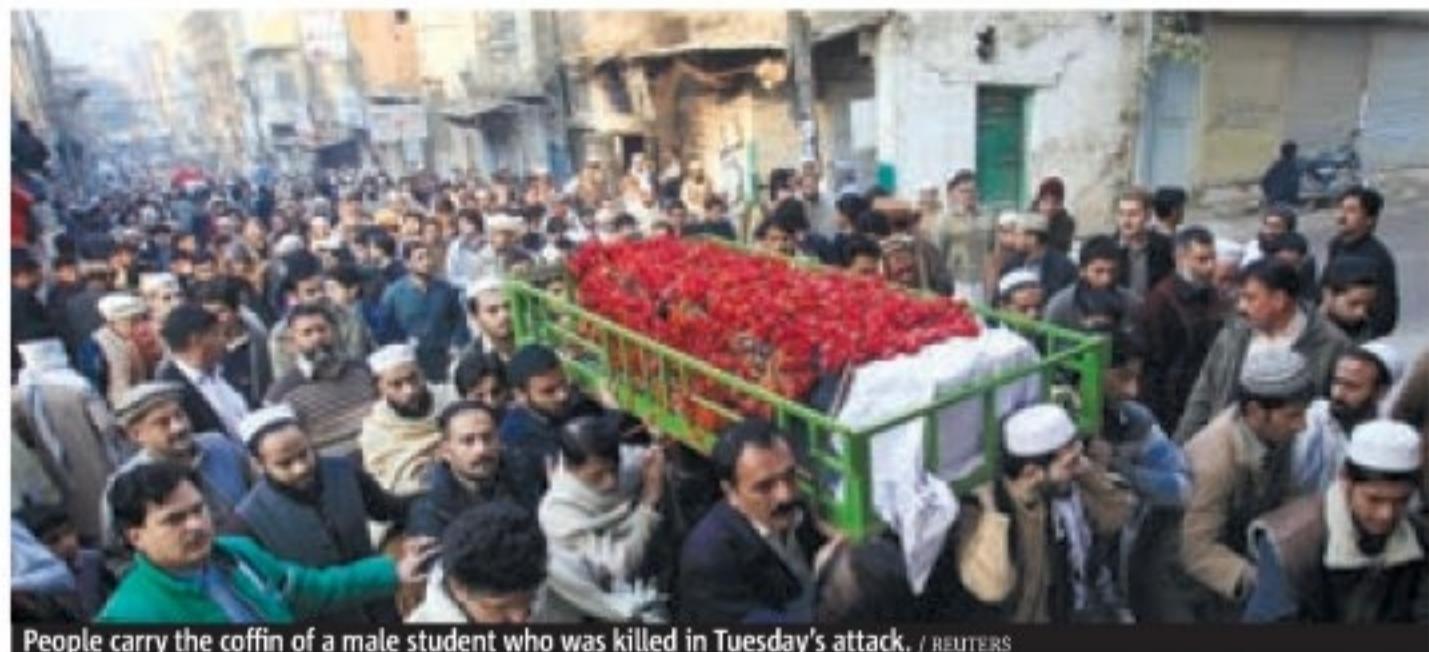
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# Anger and grief as Pakistan buries the dead students



People carry the coffin of a male student who was killed in Tuesday's attack. / REUTERS

**Toll.** The death toll has reached 148 after the attack on the military-run Army Public School, according to the army.

A shocked Pakistan on Wednesday began burying 132 students killed in a grisly attack on their school by Taliban militants that has heaped pressure on the government to do more to tackle the insurgency.

People across the country lit candles and staged vigils as parents bade final farewells to their children during mass funerals in and around Peshawar, the volatile city on the edge of Pakistan's lawless tribal belt where the school was located.

Grief mixed with anger as

people looked to the authorities — long accused of not being tough enough on extremists — to stem violence in a nation which has become a safe haven for al Qaeda-linked groups.

At a vigil in the capital Islamabad, Fatimah Khan, 38, said she was devastated by the atrocity.

In apparent response to public opinion after the attack, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif announced he had lifted a moratorium on the death penalty.

REUTERS

**Quoted**

**"I don't have words for my pain and anger. ... They slaughtered those children like animals."**

Khan

**School massacre**

**Pakistan seeks help from Afghans**

Pakistan's army chief and the head of its main intelligence agency flew to neighboring Afghanistan on Wednesday to seek help in battling the militants behind this week's school massacre in Pakistan in which 148 people were killed.

"The time has arrived for Afghanistan and Pakistan to act together against terrorism and extremism with honesty and effectiveness," Afghan President Ashraf Ghani said in a statement. Pakistan said it had shared intelligence with Ghani.

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## Greek elections. PM Samaras falls short in first round presidential vote

Lawmakers in Greece failed to elect a new president in a first round of voting on Wednesday, leaving Prime Minister Antonis Samaras still looking for as many as 20 votes from independents and small parties to keep his coalition government in office.

With two more rounds still to come, a win for the government had not been expected on Wednesday but the result was at the lower end



**Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras** / REUTERS

Of the 300 members of parliament, 160 voted in favor of the government's candidate Stavros Dimas with 135 against and five absent, short of the 200-vote supermajority needed to elect a president in the first round.

Greek media had speculated that the government could win between 161 and 167 votes but only five deputies crossed the floor to vote with the 155 members of the ruling coalition. REUTERS

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The 294 rejected applicants were presumably still working on embracing the "No" when they received a congratulatory email from the school on Sunday. Johns Hopkins spokesman Dennis O'Shea confirmed in an email that the notes were sent in error. The rejected-then-fake-accepted students, whom the email called the "newest



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Elmer Rajah, a senior from Randolph, NJ

members of the family," were urged to take their celebrations to Facebook, Twitter and Insta-

gram and congratulated for being "among the first with the right to use #JHU2019." They could also join an exclusive Facebook group for admitted students to begin fraternizing with fellow members of the Class of 2019.

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# US plans to normalize relations with Cuba

**Fidel Castro.** Cuba and the U.S. have been ideological foes since soon after the 1959 revolution.

The United States will restore diplomatic relations it severed with Cuba more than 50 years ago, a major policy shift ending decades of hostile ties with the communist-ruled island, President Barack Obama said on Wednesday.

Announcing the end of

what he called a "rigid" policy of isolation of Cuba that had been ineffective, Obama said the United States would move toward normal ties and would open an embassy in Cuba.

Obama discussed the changes with Cuban President Raul Castro on Tuesday in a nearly hour-long telephone call. Castro spoke in Cuba as Obama made his announcement on a policy shift made possible by the release of American Alan Gross, 65, who had been imprisoned in Cuba for five years.

Obama said Pope Francis,



President Barack Obama greets Cuban President Raul Castro at the memorial service for Nelson Mandela. / REUTERS

the first Latin American pontiff, had played an active role in pressing for Gross's release. A sizable part of Cuba's population is Roman Catholic. The Vatican worked closely with both sides and hosted in-person meetings of U.S. officials, senior Obama administration officials said.

Cuba is also releasing an intelligence agent who spied for the United States and was held for nearly 20 years, and the United States in return freed three Cuban intelligence agents held in the U.S.

Gross's case had been a

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Anti-Castro activists Osvaldo Hernandez, left, and Miguel Saavedra protest in Little Havana in Miami. / REUTERS

block to any movement by Washington toward improved ties. Obama said Pope Francis had played an active role in pressing for his release. Francis congratulated both countries on their forging of diplomatic ties.

The policy shift will mean a relaxation in some aspects of commerce and transportation between the United States and Cuba, but it does not mean an end to the long-standing trade embargo, which needs congressional approval that Obama may face a struggle getting.

And while travel restrictions that currently make it hard for most Americans to visit will be eased, the door will not yet be open for broad U.S. tourism on the Caribbean island.

Cuba and the United States have not had diplomatic relations since 1961 and the U.S. **REUTERS**

#### On Twitter

"Excited to see if change in U.S. policy will help us learn more about the many refugees who went to/through Cuba pre-WWII. @ HolocaustMuseum" **@rebeccaarchivist**

#### Marco Rubio

### Senator pledges to block efforts

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio said on Wednesday he would "make every effort" to block moves by President Obama toward normalizing relations with the Cuban government.

"The president's decision to reward the Castro regime and begin the path toward the normalization of relations with Cuba is inexplicable," Rubio said in a statement.

The Florida Republican

senator, who is Cuban-American, said he would use his role as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Western Hemisphere subcommittee in the new Congress to try to block the plan. **REUTERS**



#### Timeline

Here are some key events in history between Cuba and the United States:

- **Jan. 1, 1959:** U.S.-backed dictator Fulgencio Batista flees Cuba as Fidel Castro and his revolutionaries seize control.
- **Jan. 3, 1961:** The U.S. breaks off diplomatic relations with Cuba after the nationalization of U.S.-owned properties.
- **April 16, 1961:** Castro declares his revolution to be socialist. The next day, CIA-backed Cuban exiles try to invade Cuba at the Bay of Pigs, but are defeated.
- **Feb. 7, 1962:** The U.S. imposes a complete commercial embargo against Cuba that remains in place.
- **Oct. 1962:** The U.S. discovers Soviet nuclear missiles on Cuba, leading to a showdown with the Soviet Union that almost leads to war. The confrontation ends with the Russians removing the missiles and the U.S. agreeing never to invade Cuba, and pulling its missiles from Turkey.
- **April-Oct. 1980:** Cuba allows 125,000 people to travel to the U.S. from the port of Mariel in what becomes known as the Mariel Boatlift.
- **Dec. 1991:** The Soviet Union, Cuba's biggest benefactor, collapses, touching off an economic crisis from which the island has not fully recovered.
- **July 31, 2006:** Fidel Castro provisionally turns over power to his brother, Raul Castro, after undergoing emergency surgery.
- **Feb. 24, 2008:** The National Assembly elects Raul Castro to formally replace the ailing Fidel.
- **Dec. 2009:** Cuba arrests Alan Gross. It later convicts the U.S. Agency for International Development subcontractor to 15 years in prison after accusing him of importing banned technology and trying to establish a clandestine Internet service for Cuban Jews.
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## 1 Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel scooped on their own baby announcement

There's at least one member of 'NSYNC who might be dropped from Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel's Christmas card list, as Joey Fatone went and announced the couple's pregnancy before they could. "He told me a while ago, and I kept my mouth

shut, but I can talk about it now," Fatone tells *InTouch*. I'm just guessing here, Joey, but I'm pretty sure when Justin said you can talk about it now he didn't mean to a tabloid. Your baby shower gift better be pretty spectacular, is all I'm saying.

Fatone, by the way, is super-stoked for the couple. "Jessica is awesome, and Justin is a kid at heart," he says. Yeah, about that. A less identifiable source tells the *National Enquirer* that Biel is a bit concerned Timberlake isn't quite ready for all this parenting stuff. "They've spent little time together during Jessica's pregnancy" because of Timberlake's ongoing concert tour, the source says. "Justin pretends he doesn't have a care, but you can see how antsy he is. He knows it won't be long before his life changes. Now she's concerned it might be more than Justin can handle."

## 2 Magazine offers video proof of Britney's abs



Britney Spears's new *Women's Health* magazine cover was met nearly immediately by speculation that she'd benefited from a bit of digital enhancement from the Photoshop department. So the magazine put out a video from behind the scenes of the shoot, hoping to put such talk to rest. And honestly, the woman's been doing a regular *Vegas* show for a while, so why are we skeptical of her abs being, as the magazine cover exclaims, "insane"? Yours would be too with that work schedule.

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## 3 Wreath Witherspoon is now a thing, thanks to Mindy Kaling

Mindy Kaling has launched a new holiday tradition with the "Wreath Witherspoon" on "The Mindy Project." And now the crafty home decoration — a traditional Christmas wreath adorned



MINDY KALING MADE A "WREATH WITHERSPOON."

GETTY IMAGES

with photos of Reese Witherspoon — has been given the seal of approval by Witherspoon herself. Witherspoon reposted Kaling's Instagram of various fan interpretations of the gag.

Daily video

## 'Christmas (Baby Please Come Home), year 28

With David Letterman wrapping up his "Late Show" run, he's also saying goodbye to a 28-year holiday tradition of having Darlene Love perform "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)" on his last show before Christmas. To honor the tradition — and, let's face it, one of the best Christmas songs of all time — the Letterman team has put together a super-cut of Love performing on the show over the years. Love has announced that, out of respect, she'll no longer perform the song on TV after Letterman retires, so enjoy it while you can.



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## TV watch list



Joan Watson is on the case. / CBS

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9:30 P.M., CBS

## AWARDS

## The People Magazine Awards

This is a new awards show, run by the celeb mag and hosted by Nick Cannon. They're going to honor such things as comedy star and hero of the year. Jennifer Aniston and Lopez will be there. 9 P.M., NBC

## TALK SHOWS

## 'Jimmy Kimmel Live'

Christine Baranski is Jimmy's guest for the night, and Jenny Lewis is his musical performer. Think she'll break out the fake beard she wore in her music video? 11:35 P.M., ABC

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# Actors: Who broke through in 2014

Every year brings a new batch of people who make sure we'll be looking for them in the future. This year saw people surprising us on unexpectedly great shows, a woman in a twist on the Jane Austen movie and even a little girl.

## Gina Rodriguez

We didn't have high hopes for "Jane the Virgin" when we heard the setup: A young woman is accidentally inseminated through a hospital mix-up, but the twist on top of that twist? She's a virgin. Little did we know that the premise was just the beginning of unexpected turns on the show, but lead Gina Rodriguez handles the madness with poise, making Jane funny, relatable and very grounded. **LISA WEIDENFELD**



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Mackenzie Foy

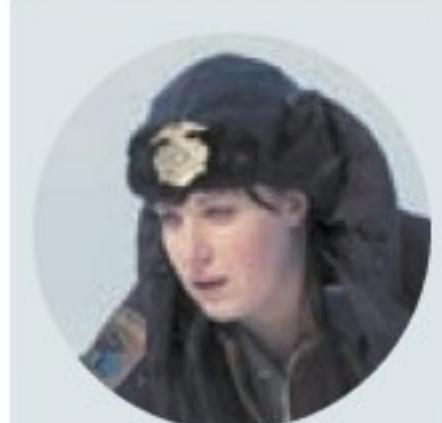
Working among a star-studded cast must be a little intimidating for a young actress, but there's no hint of it in Mackenzie Foy's turn in Christopher Nolan's "Interstellar." Playing Murph, the 10-year-old daughter of Matthew McConaughey's reluctant astronaut, Foy turns in a poignant performance as a loyal child who knows it's unlikely she'll see her father again. **LAKSHMI GANDHI**

## Alfred Enoch

While Viola Davis has been rightly praised for "How to Get Away with Murder," people also took notice of Alfred Enoch. The British actor plays Wes Gibbons, a student who was unexpectedly chosen off the wait-list and finds himself embroiled in a plot to conceal a murder. "Harry Potter" fans may remember a much-younger Enoch from his role as Dean Thomas. **LAKSHMI GANDHI**



ABC, MITCHELL HAASETH



Allison Tolman

"Fargo" was a show that shouldn't have worked — rehashing a great film for cable television — but it did, spectacularly. And one of the biggest reasons it worked so well was Allison Tolman's performance as incredibly pregnant and nice-to-a-fault Minnesota police deputy Molly Solverson. In a series stuffed with characters conniving (Martin Freeman's Lester Nygaard) and sociopathic (Billy Bob Thornton's Lorne Malvo), Tolman provided the much-needed human center, and did it with quiet aplomb. It's a shame the second season is jumping back to focus on her character's parents. **NED EHRBAR**

## Gugu Mbatha-Raw

Before the Jane Austen movie subversion "Belle," this British actress had done some "Doctor Who" and a Tom Hanks movie ("Larry Crowne") no one saw. But it was her quivering yet resilient turn as a mixed-race aristo that made her one of the next best things. It's a shame few bothered with the melodrama "Beyond the Lights": She's even better as a self-destructive Beyoncé type with purple hair. But that's why God created streaming. May future viewers realize it's the kind of date movie that definitely gets you laid. **MATT PRIGGE**



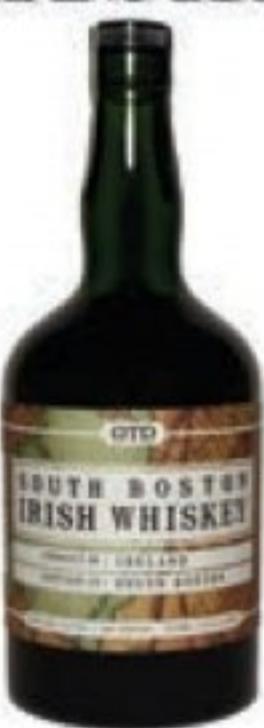
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Booksmith (279 Harvard St., Brookline) have a few ideas beyond their extensive book selection. And for the more glamorous folks in your life, we checked in with G20 Salon & Spa (278 Newbury St.) to see what beauty products make for the best gifts this season. **LISA WEIDENFELD**



## Beyond books

Brookline Booksmith has a few gifts for all the practical folks in your life. The store's Chris Derosier says, "These 100 percent cotton flour sack dish

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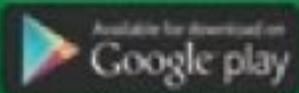
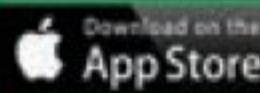


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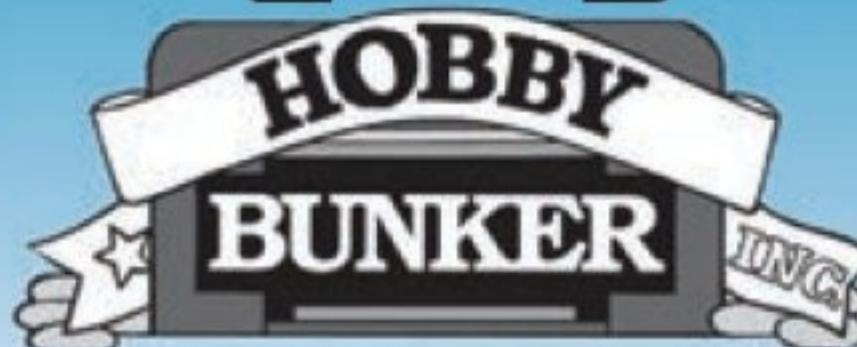
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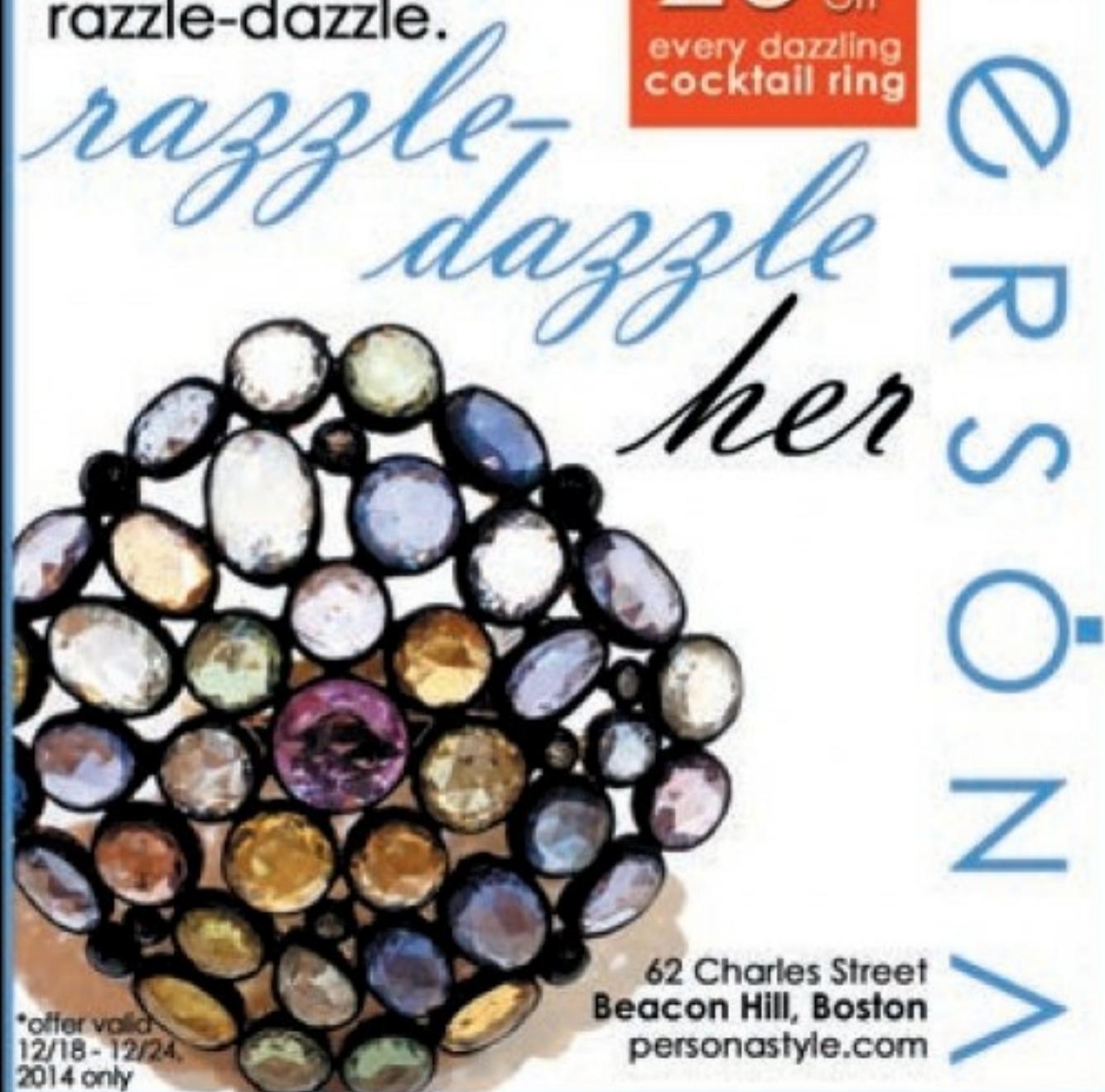
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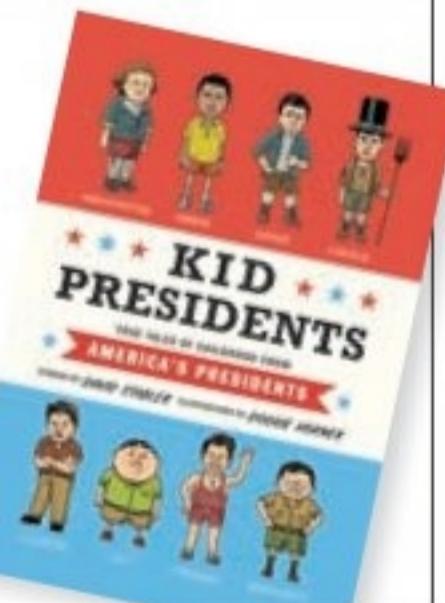


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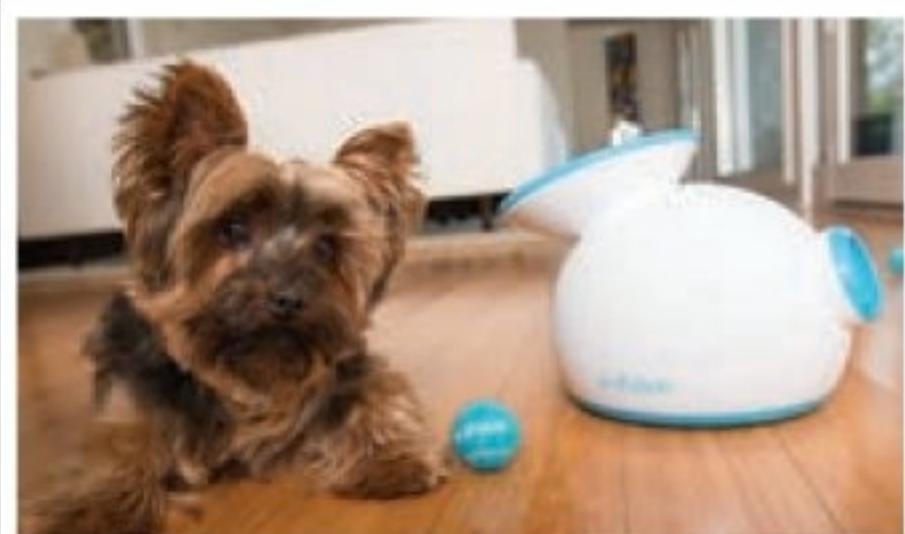
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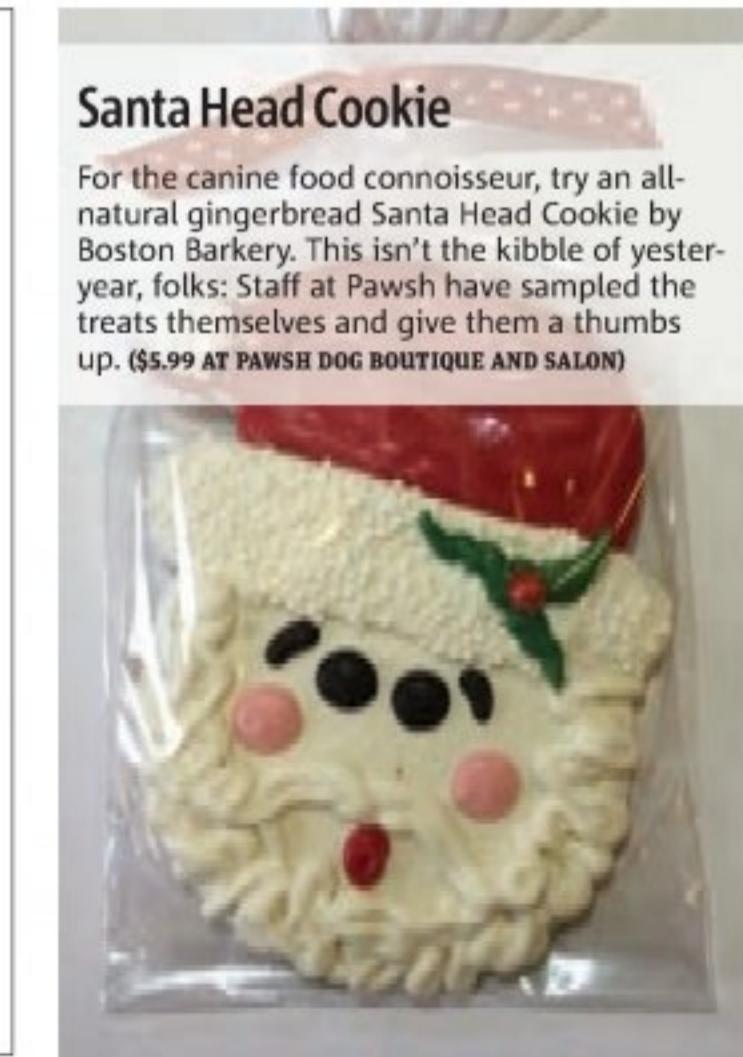
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# Alex Clare: from yeshiva to rock star

**Interview.** The singer had almost given up on music when technology giant Microsoft saved the day.

There are all sorts of paths to success in the music industry. But Alex Clare might have taken one of the more unexpected routes.

The British singer-songwriter's 2012 album, a soul/electronic hybrid called "The Lateness of the Hour," was not selling. In fact, it did so poorly that his label dropped him, and Clare, a religious Jew, headed to a yeshiva (seminary for Jews) in Jerusalem. But somewhere along the way, someone handed his album to the right person at Microsoft, and the company created a wildly successful ad spot using Clare's song "Too



See Alex Clare on Monday, Dec. 22 at the Paradise. Tickets are \$33. Go to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) for more details. / DAN MEDHURST

## Quoted

**"The only person who bought my record was the guy who gave it to Microsoft to use. They just liked it. They liked the energy."**

Clare, on the song "Too Close"

## Singing style

### Right in the kishkes

Clare says his main influences are soul singers, a style of music he grew up listening to. "They're the only things I really listen to now," Clare says. "If I've got my iPod on, I don't

tend to listen to that much new music. I tend to listen to oldies. Marvin Gaye, Donny Hathaway, Stevie [Wonder], they're all still up there." As to what draws a modern singer

to such an old song, Clare says, "It just feels good. It's not just about listening to music — it's about feeling it. With a lot of soul music, it just gets you in the kishkes."

## Also onstage

### Chris Isaak

**Friday, 7:30 p.m.**  
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Latter-day rockabilly crooner Chris Isaak will play a special Christmas set for this show. He released a holiday album, simply titled "Christmas," in 2004, with a nice mix of pop tunes, carols and a couple of stray originals. Christmas sets from pop stars can be awkward affairs, but Isaak's classic, old-school vocals lend themselves perfectly to the challenge.



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Close." Trust us, you've heard it. The song, a pulsing, almost unsettling ode to a relationship gone wrong, soared up the charts.

"I set some conditions for leaving yeshiva. One of them was that my song would go to the top 5 in the U.K. and the other one was that my producer would phone me," says Clare. "I spoke to the head of yeshiva and told him these two things happened and he was like, 'Yeah, dude, you should probably go take care of that.'"

Probably not the usual set of reasons for leaving that a man who runs a yeshiva hears, but Clare is good-natured about what happened, calling the last-minute save of his music career part of "the grand cosmic plan."

Clare is now back with a new album, "Three Hearts," which covers slightly new ground. The singer got married and had a baby in between records, which he called "massively" influential.

The new album also takes a more instrumental turn, as compared to the electronic "Lateness of the Hour." "I always played in bands and I like musical instruments," says Clare with a laugh. "It gets a bit dull after a while making music on laptops and using samples."

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## Also onstage

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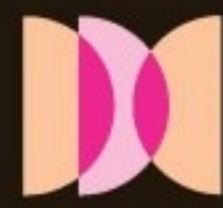
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choruspromusica.tix.com  
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### DANCE



#### The Dream Project

Saturday, 8 p.m.  
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Choreographer and dancer Chun-jou Tsai created and performs this solo work, combining contemporary dance styles with traditional Chinese dance. Her moves are meant to resemble the Chinese calligraphy of an ancient Buddhist poem about the importance of perseverance in accomplishing one's dreams — her body becomes the writer's brush.

### SHOPPING

#### Harvard Square Holiday Fair

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### COMEDY

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Through Dec. 27  
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www.improvboston.com  
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# ‘O.P.C.’ goes heavy on the preaching

**Review.** A.R.T.’s latest is a world premiere from Eve Ensler that substitutes soapboxing for real drama.

No bottled water at American Repertory Theater!

That’s the rule, through the run of Eve Ensler’s haughty, convoluted “O.P.C.” an implausible tale of familial dysfunction. “O.P.C.” feels like a scolding from the proverbial ivory tower where people think it’s not insensitive to make dumpster diving pretty. But it gets silly long before Ensler’s pristine characters forage through a box of bananas and assorted “trash” to make her heavy-handed statement about overconsumption.

“O.P.C.” stands for obsessive political correctness,

and the A.R.T. seems to have come down with a case of it. They’ve dispensed with printed programs for this production and they really aren’t selling bottled water during the run, which feels like a shtick (unless, of course, they plan to abandon the practice ad infinitum).

Brett J. Banakis employs the idea of combating overconsumption most effectively with an impressive,

#### If you go

#### ‘O.P.C.’

Through Jan. 4th  
American Repertory Theater, 64 Brattle St.  
Cambridge  
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[www.AmericanRepertoryTheater.org](http://www.AmericanRepertoryTheater.org)

multi-tiered set composed of repurposed cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, straws, dolls, dumpsters and assorted tchotchkies. If it was gritty, it would’ve felt less like a place where a defiant little rich girl pretends to be homeless just to aggravate her mother.

After discovering her freegan daughter Romi (Olivia Thirlby) is squatting in this abandoned yet remarkably clean building, senate candidate Smith (Kate Mulligan) sets out to spin this problem to her campaign’s advantage. Familial dysfunction and the pursuit of political power collide, and the results include a line of high-fashion dresses made from fruit skin, mental illness and enough “Aha!” moments to remind the audience what they’re supposed to believe.

Thirlby’s performance is both preachy and shrill, while



Olivia Thirlby has it out with her slightly dysfunctional family in “O.P.C.” / EUGENIA ELISEEVA, A.R.T.

Mulligan tries so hard not to be Hillary Clinton that she practically becomes the former senator. On the plus side, Nicole Lowrance is perfection as party line-towing daughter Kansas, while Liz Mikel’s Oprah-inspired talk-show host is the brightest moment of all.

Academy award-winning actress Melissa Leo pulled out of the production last minute due to creative differences with Ensler (who also wrote “The Vagina Monologues”). Good choice, Miss Leo.

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**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.** Imagine yourself in a more fulfilling career. Once you have narrowed down your options, it will be easy to determine what you need to do to achieve your dream.

**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.** Don't believe everything you hear. Someone will lead you astray. If you overreact, you risk being put at a disadvantage that will force you to backtrack.

**♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.** You can make valuable contributions without spending too much. Donate your time to local programs that assist people in need.

**♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.** Go over personal paperwork in detail. Update your financial records and put all of your receipts and bills in order. Keep your medical documents up to date, along with your passport.

**♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.** Cash will slip through your fingers if you donate to an unfamiliar group. Keep a close eye on your money and keep unnecessary expenditures to a minimum.

**♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.** Don't let your heart rule your head. Listen to the advice of caring friends. If you are infatuated with someone unsuitable or something unrealistic, regret will follow.

**♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.** You will get terrific results when shopping for someone special. If you pick up the pace, you will accomplish more than anticipated, leaving time for rest and relaxation late in the day.

**♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** The situation on the home front will be critical. Getting out of the house and enjoying time with a friend who makes you laugh will do you good. Don't overspend.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Family tension will run high. The more you are able to achieve, the less time you will have to complain or get into an argument. Patience will be required.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** Put your talents to good use. Rather than get embroiled in work and chores, get together with friends, go on a trip or visit an out-of-town relative.

**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.** Don't dwell on the past. No matter how emotional you feel, remember the new year represents a new beginning. Leave disappointment behind to prepare for a bright future.

EUGENIA LAST

## Letters

## What if they were your kids?

There are still people who feel that the Brown shooting was self-defense. Such people may even feel that Rodney King's brutal beating and the killing of Amadou Diallo were justified. The young man in the Brown shooting was UNARMED — not a knife-wielding, gun-toting, muscle-bound hulk. I thought that the police were only supposed to use their firearms as a last resort or when there is no other way to stop an individual from causing deadly harm to

the officer or to another person, particularly with a weapon. Basically, an individual's defense is supposed to be comparable to the degree of harm he or she is confronted with. Those who feel that unarmed minorities cannot be subdued without killing them have social, psychological or other issues. If they, their children or their parents were the unarmed suspects being choked, beat with batons or shot dead, would they feel that officers should resort to other methods rather than deadly force? I'm sure they would then agree that deadly force should be a last resort,

not a first response. And if we don't know how to deal with violence and sexual assaults on our own streets and in our own military, how can we address the violence and sexual abuse going on in other countries?

PAUL HUNTER, VIA EMAIL

It seems that a lot of people are commenting about the nationwide protests against police brutality and police killing unarmed black men. I hear some say, why focus on the police, why don't they focus on black on black crime? — which sounds like a racist comment to me.

The correct answer is, we are. Black men are sent to prison in record numbers for the crimes they commit. The real question is, why shouldn't we hold the police to a higher standard than gang members? The truth of the matter is that there ARE racists on the force, they do treat minority's poorly and we do need to find a fix for that problem.

ANTONY ALTAMIRANO, VIA EMAIL

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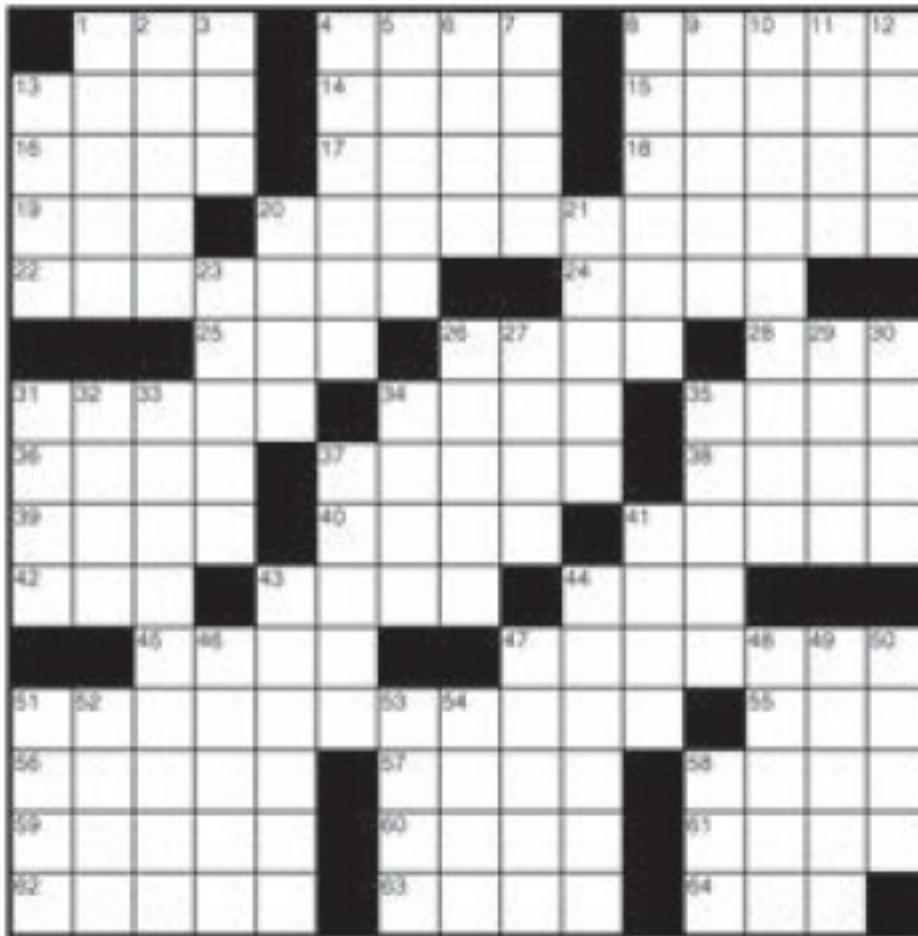
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- 18 Quart, plus
- 19 Poet's "always"
- 20 Binocular owner
- 22 Without hesitation
- 24 Charges
- 25 Switch positions
- 26 Gourmet's interest
- 28 Hebrew T
- 31 Basilica areas
- 34 Meditation guide
- 35 — Raton, Fla.
- 36 Duffel filler
- 37 Roll with a hole
- 38 Magna Carta signer
- 39 Milady's
- 40 "Daily Planet" name
- 41 Portends
- 42 Rainbow shape
- 43 Sect
- 44 Bump hard
- 45 Memorable tennis champ
- 47 — mechanics
- 51 Flowers with spurs
- 55 Tpk.
- 56 "Crocodile Rock" artist
- 57 Hula- —
- 58 Whodunit suspect
- 59 Smug expression
- 60 — up (pay)
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- 62 In poor taste
- 63 Former ruler
- 64 Shelley offering
- 3 NFL events
- 4 Computer notes
- 5 Dawdle
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- 7 Like molasses
- 8 Bombarbed
- 9 Oblong vestment
- 10 Weathered
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- 12 Earl — Biggers
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- 21 Run — of (cross)
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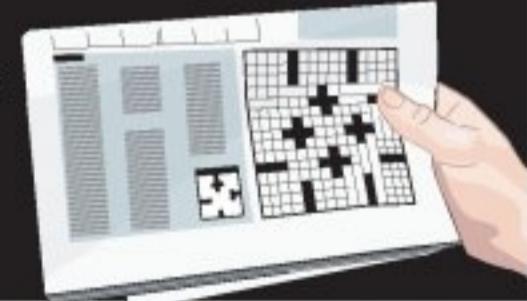
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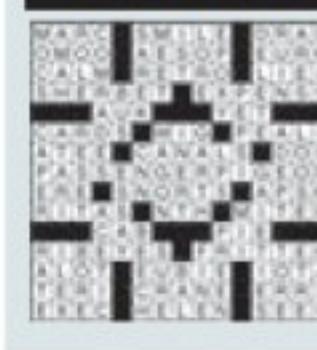


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- 53 One of those things
- 54 Solar wind components
- 58 RN employer

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If you've reached the promised land and are playing in the fantasy Super Bowl this weekend, congratulations are in order. If not, there's a good chance some players are now your enemy. As we begin to review what went wrong, it's important to understand why a player busted.

## Over the Hill

Everyone knows to avoid running backs as they approach 30-years-old. In hindsight, we should have applied that thinking at the wideout spot as well. Larry Fitzgerald and Andre Johnson no longer threaten defenses deep, capping their upside as possession-type receivers, while youngsters Michael Floyd and DeAndre Hopkins go long. Brandon Marshall, Roddy White, Marques Colston and Reggie Wayne are more examples of older receivers nearing the end of the line.



Larry Fitzgerald has found the end zone just twice this season. / GETTY IMAGES



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- Joseph Randle, RB, Cowboys: If DeMarco Murray (hand) ends up sitting, Randle could shred Indy.
- Robert Griffin III, QB, Redskins: The Eagles bleed fantasy points to opposing quarterbacks.

### Running in mud

The running back position is volatile because it's replaceable. The fact that Montee Ball struggled badly yet Ronnie Hillman and C.J. Anderson excelled is a monster red flag. Bishop Sankey was among the most unimpressive rookies, lacking vision, explosion and pass-game chops. Toby Gerhart, proving too slow to be effective, embarrass-

ingly lost his job to college quarterback Denard Robinson. Doug Martin has been among the worst running backs in the NFL the last two seasons in terms of both running and pass protection. I'm done with all these backs.

### Tip of the Kaep

Colin Kaepernick has the arm and the athletic ability. He's shown that's not enough. An overly conservative scheme that lacks creativity certainly hasn't helped, but Kaep consistently flops in plus spots. We can blame the receivers, the scheme and the NFC West defenses all we want, but enough is enough.



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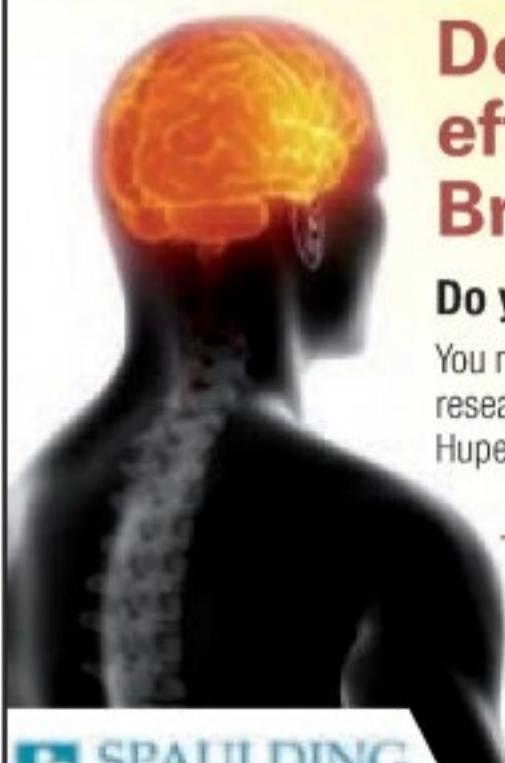
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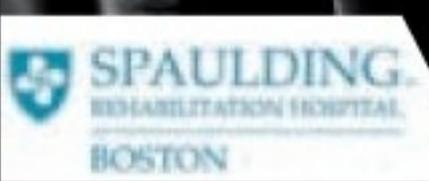
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Witness, Judith C. Cutler, Chief Justice of this Court on December 9, 2014

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